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edge of said tubular sidewall portion, ^{wherein} ~~whereby~~ a sealed sample receptacle may be formed by placing said flexible sheet on said upper edge and inserting the tubular sidewall portion of said receptacle member within said ^{axial} ~~interior~~ bore until a surface of said annular collar engages a circumferential edge of said tubular member and ^{wherein} ~~whereby~~ said reduced thickness region is piercable to permit atmospheric venting of said sealed sample receptacle.

(22. (NEW) A device according to claim 21, wherein the endwall portion of said receptacle member defines an interior surface of said internal cavity and an exterior surface outside said internal cavity, said exterior surface defining a reservoir for containing heat sensitive liquid samples.

23. (NEW) A device according to claim 21, wherein said tubular member includes a circumferentially extending bead projecting from an interior surface thereof proximate a first end of said axial bore, and wherein an exterior surface of said tubular sidewall portion defines a circumferentially extending recess dimensioned and arranged to receive the bead of said tubular member when the annular collar surface of the receptacle member engages the circumferential edge of the tubular member.

24. (NEW) A device according to claim 23, wherein said circumferential edge is proximate a second end of said axial bore.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application.

Claims 16-20 were withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-15 have been rejected.

Claims 21-24 are added herein.

DISCUSSION

In further response to the first Office Action, claims 21-24 have been added to further define novel aspects of the present invention over the prior art of record. Solazzi '210 discloses a sample cup which includes a tubular member and a